

TRAILER LOADING SAFETY

1. Wear boots that provide adequate ankle support and a slip resistant tread design.
2. Use the three point rule by keeping two hands and one foot or two feet and one hand in contact with something stationary at all times while moving about the trailer unit.
3. Use the steps on the tractor to get down or lower yourself gently, do not jump off trailers!
4. Inspect chains, binders, and hooks for defects and assure hooks are properly attached before tensioning chains.
5. Whenever possible, apply tension to binders from the ground. That way if you do fall, you won't fall off the trailer.
6. Make sure cheaters are of the length suggested by the binder manufacturer, that they are not cracked or damaged, and will not slip off.
7. Pull on the wench bar whenever possible and avoid pushing. This will help maintain balance if something slips. Note: It also helps to widen your stance a bit.
8. When chaining loads of pipe, use the deck of your tractor to stand on while feeding chains through the pipe racks. Note: Do not climb on the pipe!
9. Never place yourself or any part of your body under a suspended load or pinch point.
10. If cranes are used to load a trailer, use tag lines to position the load.
11. Always communicate with the person doing the loading. Know what the plan is and make sure you agree.
12. Maintain eye contact with the person doing the loading at all times; making sure he/she knows where you are.
13. Slow down and pay attention; never hurry yourself around loading operations.

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